SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is it not the practice in British India to appoint I. C. S. officers as Director of Industries?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

Ocean Current.

143 ***MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any under-sea current dangerous to sea bath at Muttam;

(*b*) whether any accident was reported last year; and

(*c*) whether any caution board is put up near the dangerous zone?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) As Muttam is not a port, no readings of the current have been taken so far.

(*b*) No accident was reported last year; but an accident was reported this year.

(*c*) No.

Cardamom cultivation in Kottayam Division.

144 ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a resolution has been passed in the Sri Mulam Assembly re: the registry of lands fit for cardamom cultivation in the Kottayam Division;

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon and the stage at which it is at present; and

(*c*) if not, the reason for not taking any action?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR (*Conservator of Forests*): (*a*) No; but a resolution was passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly in 1936 regarding the lease of cardamom lands in the Kanni Elam Tract.

(*b*) Pursuant to the above resolution, action was taken and ultimately 700 acres of land in the Karimannur pakuthi and 200 acres of land in the Karikode pakuthi were leased out by public auction for cardamom cultivation.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*b*) of the question.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ദേവികുളം ഡിവിഷനോടടുത്തും കോട്ടയം ഡിവിഷനോടടുത്തും കിടക്കുന്ന ഏലഭൂമികളെപ്പറ്റിയല്ലയോ അസംബ്ളിയിൽ റസല്യൂഷൻ പാസാക്കിയതു്?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: അല്ല.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether Government have considered the question of registering lands in the Kottayam Division for cardamom cultivation?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

The Ceramic Factory at Kundara.

145 ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to hand over the management of the Government Ceramic Factory at Kundara to any individual, and whether any one has applied to them for the same?

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